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What cellphones do in classrooms: 94% of students say they want to use mobile phone calculators for doing basic math

THE DIGITAL AFTERMATH

'Calculators interfere with conceptual understanding'

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Learning math is said to discipline a person. However, educationists are now seeing a worrying trend — most students seem to have forgotten basic math as mobile calculators are handy in classrooms.

In a school survey, 94% students said they want to use cellphones in classrooms. Thanks to mobile calculators, most students end up with correct answers while solving basic math problems.

From simple exercises like addition and subtraction to memorising math tables, students are now relying significantly on mobile phone calculators. Educationists are raising alarm that not learning basic math in-person in school classrooms can affect motor skills in the long run.

Teachers observed that during online math lessons and exams, students are switching off videos and using mobile calculators to do sums.

"I have seen middle and high school students use calculators to answer questions like '7 x 0,' or '4 + 1.' When students use calculators, even the most

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The wait is over. Training school is taking wings today

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The jewel in the crown is the brand new multi engine aircraft Tecnam P2006T which has recently been approved for flying training purposes

Finally, after four years' wait, the Government Flying Training School (GFTS) that has been biting the dust is coming back to life. Training classes are scheduled to commence from next week. The centre that was shut for the last four years will be re-inaugurated on Sunday by the Chief Minister. There is also a proposal to add a commercial complex and make this a key tourist spot.

Until now there was a non-scheduled aircraft landing and parking facility at Jakkur Aerodrome. But there was no provision for scheduled aircraft landing. Now, it has been permitted to use this aerodrome to facilitate tourism. Scheduled aircraft landing is set to begin in the coming days.

GFTS is one of the oldest flying training schools in the country. The idea of a flying school was conceived in 1938, established in 1948 and finally it started in 1949 in a small way. The then Maharaja of Mysore Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar granted the land for setting up the school to nurture and encourage aviation training. Since then, the school has successfully seen 292 graduates pursue their aviation dreams starting with India's first woman pilot Usha Sundaram who graduated from the academy in 1949. She had the honour of flying the then PM Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru and Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel from Jakkur aerodrome.

GFTS has a fleet of several aircrafts; two Cessna 172, one of which is a Cessna 172P which is a conventional instrument aircraft with two seats. The other is a Cessna 172S which is a glass cockpit with four seats. Its instruments and display are in a digital form and can be used to train students better for airline instrument procedures.

Along with this, GFTS also possess two Cessna 152 aircraft. Additionally, GFTSs get a brand new Tecnam P 2010 single engine aircraft which has a complete glass cockpit interior and variable pitch propeller. This is the only aircraft of its type in the entire country. The jewel in the crown is the brand new multi engine aircraft Tecnam P2006T which has recently been approved for flying training purposes.

This is the only multi engine aircraft for training purposes in Karnataka now. GFTS imparts training for commercial pilot license (CPL) for both single and multi-engine aircraft and private pilot license (PPL). Additionally, GFTS imparts training for Assistant Flight Instructors Rating (AFIR) and Flight Instructors Rating (FIR).

Recently, a twin-engine aircraft made a successful sortie from the airport. As per the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) rules, a commercial pilot needs to have a minimum of 200 hours of flying experience. Out of this, 185 hours should be of single engine and 15 hours of twin-engine flying. Earlier, there was no provision for the flying of twin engine aircrafts at Jakkur. So, the candidates studying at Jakkur School were flying 185 hours of single engine flight in Jakkur and then had to scout for different flying schools in other states to gain the experience of flying twin-engine aircrafts. To avoid this, the twin-engine aircraft was purchased at a cost of Rs 5 crore. As a result, now, the students can fly both single and twin-engine aircrafts at Jakkur aerodrome itself.

The current runway at Jakkur aerodrome is 974 metres in length. The additional land reserved for the extension of the runway has been allocated to the proposed elevated corridor. An additional three acres of land was acquired and the runway was expanded. As per the DGCA norms, there should not be any building above the height of 45 metres in the 5-km-kilometre radius from Jakkur aerodrome.

Travel agents take doc, family on a ride

A city-based doctor has filed a complaint against unknown employees of a holiday package firm for inviting his family and him for a dinner at a hotel in Domlur and allegedly forcing him to pay Rs 2.4 lakh in way of a membership for 20 years. The carrot dangled before him was that he could have discounted and free stays at star hotels in India and abroad and discounted air tickets. Based on a complaint from Dr Gurudath Rao, the South CEN police have registered an FIR against unknown accused persons booking them for cheating and impersonation.

Dr Rao, in his complaint to the police stated, that he received a call from a woman claiming to be from a travel consultancy. She is said to have told him he has been selected for a dinner with his family at one of the hotels in the city organised by her company's promotional activities. The woman also told him that this was a new venture by the firm that was is also developing an app for people to plan their holidays, have free or discounted stays at star hotels at various cities in India and abroad. "The invitation for dinner was later confirmed on a Whatsapp message and a customer care executive called me to send the invitation for dinner at a hotel in Domlur," Dr Rao told Bangalore Mirror.

When Dr Gurudath and his family went to the hotel for dinner on the night of January 11 a team of around 10 people who claimed to be the agents of the firm lured them into taking a membership for 20 years and saw the OTP from my phone and facilitated a transaction of Rs 2.4 lakh from my bank account to their account," Dr Rao said.

When the doctor and his family later realised that the dinner organised as a one-day event, they requested the agents to revert the transaction but in vain. However, he forced the agents to give him an invoice. The doctor managed to get the credit card blocked, but despite asking the company to refund his money, they did not. —Bellie Thomas

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

NOBODY HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH GENOCIDE OVER SHOTS

THE CLAIM

Social media posts claim public figures including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, and Pope Francis have been convicted of genocide and face arrest over their support for Covid-19 vaccination.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

According to AFP, this is a false claim. The Canadian government and independent experts say the document shared as evidence does not come from a legitimate court. This is referring to a document that appears in teh article dated January 15 that says a "common law court" has convicted the famous people over the shots. an McLeod, a spokesman for the Department of Justice Canada, told AFP: "The International Common Law Court of Justice is not a recognised international court, and has no authority in Canada."

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TOPCOMMENTS

Drivers must behave well if they want to retain rides

Bangalore Mirror's story 'Cabbies up in arms against bike taxis' has got readers speaking up about troubles they face with auto drivers.

Dr Isaac Sunil writes drivers in the city create problems for the commuters by refusing a ride or charging extra. If they are serious about payment of loans or rent, then they must be willing to accept passengers irrespective of the location. This is not happening as the auto drivers decline rides upon hearing from the passenger their destination. If they are so concerned about rides they should be accepting rides as they come and charge as per metre. A user identified as Bisleri writes, auto guys need to work honestly. If they are polite, go to the destination without refusing rides and charge correctly, then most people would have preferred autos. Especially in this pandemic time because it is open and hence safer. But they insist on cheating and treating people badly, they deserve what comes to them.

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Cabbies up in arms against bike taxis
- Mysuru's covid graph goes north
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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Art attack

Learn how to paint and master some cool techniques with a professional artist Chandrima Mandal. You'll be guided on learning the layering technique in poster colours. It is a 3-layered painting which has a combination of brush painting and blending method. The stationeries required include: poster colours, paint brush - flat brush - minimum size 11, medium brush - size 6 to 9, thin brush - size 1 and 0, spare unused toothbrush, pencils, eraser. **Where: Zoom; When: Jan 29, 3 pm; Register: Rs 366, bookmyshow.com**

02 Pottery Workshops

Bring out the inner artiste in you by signing up for these pottery-making workshops. You will be taught how to prepare the clay and use different techniques like hand-building, pinch, coil, and slab. Finally, you will be taught to fire the pots. The sessions will be held by Maya, and you can sign up for more than one session.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
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03 Watch a play

Catch Janashatru, a Kannada adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's An Enemy of the People. The play focuses on the plight and the determination of one individual. It also attempts to underscore the importance of being an individual in times of majoritarian democracy. B V Shrunga, Keerthi Bhanu, Ganesh Shenoy, Raag Urs, will be performing on stage. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar 2nd Phase; When: Feb 4, 7:30 pm**
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'When everything else is open, why not schools?'

... ask educationists & experts who fear that the damage of missing out on classroom learning may be far greater for students than contracting covid

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With the State Government adopting a wait and watch approach to reopening schools, educationists are now pressurising Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to take a call at the earliest.

The National Coalition on the Education Emergency (a group of individuals, organizations and networks across the country which have come together to resume and renew school education) said that schools in Bengaluru remain closed while malls, theatres, pubs and restaurants are open. On January 21, the weekend curfew was lifted as well. The decision to keep schools closed was having catastrophic consequences on children, they felt.

Schools had recently started to reopen after remaining mostly closed since March 2020. Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh on Friday had said that the decision on reopening schools in Bengaluru would be taken on January 29 after assessing the then Covid situation.

Educationist VP Niranjan Aradhya said the impact is maximum for younger children in terms of malnutrition, child abuse, child labour, and school dropout. As per research studies, harm from reopening schools is minimal. "Evidence suggests that young children are least vulnerable to the Covid virus; they are more commonly asymptomatic or have mild non-specific symptoms, and fatalities are negligible. In-school transmission of the virus by children or teachers can be controlled by taking public health precautions, including reasonable physical distancing, wearing masks, regular testing and sanitising, and isolating or treating cases of infection among students and teachers.

The State Govt will take a call on reopening schools on Jan 29

> **"Complete school lockdown is seriously harming our children. Reopening schools is necessary to reduce this harm and begin the process of learning again**
>
> – Anusha Sharma, educationist

"When this is being done for Classes 10-12, why can't the same be ensured for children of Classes 1-9? It is tragic that schools are closed when there is no harm in keeping them open," he added.

Anusha Sharma, another educationist, added that the situation was not the same in all parts of the city (including Bengaluru North and South Educational Districts). "Cases may be more in some areas. Closing schools in the remaining areas is meaningless. The cluster approach to closing schools wherever cases are more is the current scientific approach. The BBMP and local self-governments need to be empowered to make decentralised decisions. Across the world, schools have been mostly kept open and, in some countries, even throughout the pandemic. In India as well, most governments have kept schools open during the current wave.

"The evidence from South Africa and Europe confirms that there is no indication that the third wave is targeting children, which the head of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has also emphasised earlier. Complete lockdown is severely affected our economy and jobs. Complete school lockdown is similarly seriously harming our children. Reopening schools is necessary to reduce this harm and begin the process of learning again."

She said one should not ignore the needs of our children and cause greater damage that will last for generations. "They deserve better than the injustice being meted out to them. We urge the government to consider the harm being inflicted on children and take action by opening schools with immediate effect," she added.

HC quashes proceedings against Delhi socialite

The Karnataka High Court has quashed proceedings against Viren Khanna, a Delhi-based event manager and socialite, in two drug cases and underlined procedural lapses by the Bengaluru police who lodged the cases against him.

Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar, while giving the order on Friday, noted that not only the FIR, but also the chargesheet against the petitioner needs to be quashed.

Khanna claimed that he was implicated as accused number 5 in FIR number 508/2018, in connection with seizure of narcotics on November 2, 2018. Khanna also maintained that he was implicated as accused number 4 based on statements of another accused Ravishankar in FIR number 109/2020 registered in Cottonpet Police Station. His counsel argued that two alleged incidents constitute distinct offenses and police should have registered separate FIR's.

Khanna (centre) at the CCB's office (file)

The bench stated, whenever the police come across past crimes, they can file separate cases and charge sheets if all offenses cannot be treated jointly as per CrPC Section 219. It further noted that one FIR would suffice for offenses allegedly committed in 2015, 2018 and 2019. According to the chargesheet, the last date of petitioner's involvement was on March 8, 2020, in a party arranged at a five-star hotel. It doesn't disclose his involvement in any offense committed after that and therefore, it is not understandable as to how petitioner could have been arraigned as accused number 3 in FIR number 109/2020.

Not only the FIR, but also the chargesheet against the petitioner should be quashed, the bench observed. The bench also stated that the petitioner can't be prosecuted without following the procedures established by law.

The bench also stated that permission is accorded to the prosecution agency to set right all procedural mistakes and take action against the petitioner in accordance with law.

– IANS

67 % HNIs plan to buy a luxury home in 2022: Survey

- *Twenty- Nine per cent HNI/ UHNI expressed their desire to acquire a holiday home*
- *Most chosen type of luxury home to buy emerged as a city apartment at price budget of Rs 10-25 crore*
- *The sweet spot for a luxury vacation home emerged as Rs. 5-10 crore*

A large majority of the HNIs are proposing to buy property in the next two years reflecting a strong and decisive turnaround in the luxury real estate segment, revealed a survey conducted by India Sotheby's International Realty.

The survey elicited responses from over 200 HNIs and UHNIs to gauge the mood of the luxury home buyer across India's top 8 cities -- Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Chennai, and Goa.

Out of the 76 per cent who responded in the affirmative to buying real estate in 2022, 89 per cent said they would look to buy Residential Real Estate vis-a-vis 11 per cent who opted for commercial real estate. This translates to 67 per cent of the respondents wanting to buy luxury homes, going forward.

"An overwhelming 67% per cent of respondents said they would look to buy luxury residential real estate in 2022. On the key motivation to buy another property, 46 per cent of the respondents said, the biggest reason for them to buy property in the pandemic years was a lifestyle upgrade. About 31 per cent of HNI's also said the biggest motivation to buy real estate in the last 18 months was 'a good investment opportunity', reflecting the emergence of bullish outlook that HNIs have on luxury real estate and their expectation of home prices to rise." said Sotheby's Luxury Housing Outlook-2022.

Within the choices of buying residential real estate, a city apartment continued to top the charts with 34 per cent saying they would look to buy a bigger city-based apartment. On the other hand, more than 1/4th of the respondents (29 per cent) expressed their desire to acquire a holiday home.

"This remains one of the biggest aspirations for the HNIs, a change we see as significant" observed Amit Goyal, CEO of India Sotheby's International Realty.

Goyal further said, "The fact that people picked "a good investment opportunity, as a strong reason for buying luxury real estate points to a bullish outlook on luxury home prices. Unlike some of the developed countries, where the price increase frenzy seems to be cooling off, in India, I believe, we are at the start of a secular price rise. We expect low-rise homes in the thriving urban centers, especially in Delhi NCR and Mumbai, and the vacation home destination of Goa, to be the outperformers of 2022."

As regards the money the HNIs are willing to shell out on another property, the maximum response was received for a luxury city apartment or villa were for the price range of Rs 10 - 25 crore with 69 per cent respondents picking this bracket.

The sweet spot of pricing for a luxury "holiday home" was between Rs 5-10 crore with as many as 71 per cent of respondents opting for this price band. About 29 per cent of the respondents were even willing to spend more than Rs 10 crore for the right vacation home.

WFH FINDINGS

The survey was completed before the onset of the third wave of Omicron surge, but it clearly showed that the hybrid work model is here to stay. Almost, 65 per cent of the respondents answered, they do not see themselves going back to the physical office, all 5 days of the week. "This is a clear indication that the desire to upgrade homes will remain a big motivator in 2022," the survey found.

– The survey was conducted by India Sotheby's International Realty

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Just some spring cleaning

Mahadevapura Task Force's 50-km cleaning challenge is driving dirt, debris and litterbugs off the streets

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Mahadevapura Task Force's latest initiative to keep localities clean involves citizens; residents are identifying problem areas and bringing them to the attention of various government departments as a part of the "50-km clean street challenge".

The initiative, which began in December, has gained momentum. The task force has covered 11 km, covering several localities, under its clean up drive. Residents of Mahadevapura, on cycles or on foot, have scouted and identified black spots in their localities. They have informed Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Solid Waste Management (SWM), if and when there is a garbage dumping issue in a locality. In case of other kinds of waste like debris from construction works, they have informed the BBMP road infrastructure team.

In localities where Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) or Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) are carrying out works, residents have reached out to them too to keep the junctions under their care clean.

The loop from Goshala Road to Garudachar Palya, a 9-km stretch, was chosen for the clean up, as it connects to over one lakh residents and is used by many commuters on a daily basis.

Over 85 black spots in localities near Goshala Road, Garudacharpalaya Ward, Sri Krishna Temple Road, ATM Y Junction, Graphite India Junction - Anjaneya Temple Junction, Solarium City - Alpine Eco Road, ORR Service Road and Ferns City Road were spotted and various government stakeholders were involved in clearing the places.

Residents on the run, on cycle and foot, to check on the localities cleaned, spot black spots

After the spots were cleared, volunteers from The Ugly Indian came forward to beautify the spot, to prevent further disposal of garbage at the spots. Once cleaned and beautified, residents go on their cycles or walk around to inspect if the locality is free of garbage dumping spots.

Clement Jaykumar, member secretary, Mahadevapura Task Force said, "Regular checks are being done by residents to see if the spot remains clean and is being maintained. If there is any dumping spotted again, the government stakeholders are informed and they come forward to clean it.

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This is a movement to involve the government and public to ensure the society is clean."

Further, locals have identified a 2.5-km stretch at Gear Road, where footpaths are filled with garbage and untangled cables are lying around. The department concerned has been informed to clean the layout. Next, the task force's focus is to clean the 10-km ITPL route.

"Soon, we will have a 50-km stretch cleared. The idea is to gain momentum and continue to do these drives so that localities are clean and we have a clean city," added Jaykumar.

Mobile calculators killing kids' math ability

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permissive educators bristle. There's a reason we teach mathematics in school. If students are just punching numbers into a calculator, are they really learning anything?" wondered Vandana Gupta, principal, Euro School, North Campus.

Sanjana Reddy, a math teacher, said: "I teach standard V students; many are unable to do simple math as they have become addicted to mobile phone calculators. I remember my school days when we did not use calculators even in college exams."

According to Vaman Rao, math teacher at Jain International Residential School (JIRS), using calculators in classroom can affect students' problem solving ability: "They will not be able to solve question papers during board examination in a stipulated time. Dependence on calculators at an early age will reduce mental ability and logical skills."

Shanthi Raghunath, head of primary school at Neev Academy, said math is not only about finding the right answer, but 'how' you find the answer: "What strategy do you use? Students should be encouraged to think conceptually and logically to solve complex problems, using algorithms."

Gupta of Euro School explained: "Calculators interfere with conceptual understanding, number sense, fluency, and mental math abilities, producing students who can't perform basic tasks, preventing them from discovering and understanding underlying mathematical concepts. Such students will not benefit from one of the most important reasons for learning math -- to train and discipline the mind and promote logical reasoning. Calculators inhibit students from seeing the inherent structure in mathematical relationships and instead instil a false sense of confidence about their mathematical ability."

Rao, meanwhile, noted there was a need to convince the children to not use mobile phone calculators: "We need to tell them manual calculations help sharpen their brains. We can motivate students to learn logical reasoning and creative thinking to save them from the ill-effects of calculators. In daily sessions, we may use simple math questions, math grid, series and sequence oriented questions where calculators are not required."

Gupta further added that having your math well practised and memorised can allow you to solve math problems faster by yourself than you can on a calculator. "Imagine what it would be like if you didn't have your language memorised. Wouldn't it be annoying to have to pull out a dictionary every time someone talked to you? Surely, it is possible to communicate without knowing the language, but it takes a lot longer. Understanding how the math works will help you solve problems that are not numeric. For example, when you get to algebra, you can't use a calculator for all problems unless you have a very expensive CAS calculator. One of the most important things you learn in school are not facts, but, how to learn. Once you have learned how to learn, you have many more possibilities open to you," she said, adding that standardised tests are timed: the more math you can do in your head, the faster you'll get through the tests.

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Who let the dogs out

Kalyan Nagar

A reader wrote to BM that they're concerned about the safety of those living near 2nd Cross. "Dogs on this street are biting those walking at night. The streetlights keep flickering too," the reader wrote. It looks like garbage dumping is also a problem in this area.

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The main road is in a bad state after BBMP dug it for some works. It must be fixed soon.

Good news

Fraser Town

A streetlight in this locality was not working. BM reported the problem and the authorities concerned fixed the light.

Cybercriminals dupe job aspirant of ₹80,000

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A 23-year-old post-graduate in Microbiology was duped of nearly Rs 80,000. The accused allegedly took the money from him on the pretext of offering him a job with Britannia Industries Limited in Bengaluru.

Based on a complaint filed by Shudziio Kape, a native of Manipur and a resident of KR Puram in the city, the Whitefield CEN police have registered a case of cheating and impersonation against Vishnu K, Vinay and Aditya S, all residents of Bengaluru, the police said.

On December 7, 2021, Kape received a call from Aditya S, who claimed to be an employee of Britannia, saying that his resume has been shortlisted for a microbiologist's job.

An email he received stated that he had to pay Rs 650 towards registration fees. Later, he received a job confirmation call from Vishnu from the "HR team".

"I was initially asked to pay Rs 2,500 towards profile verification,"

On visiting Britannia's office in the city, Kape met the HR team and found out that no one named Vishnu, Aditya or Vinay worked for the company

Kape told BM. The email mentioned that the money will be refunded soon after he joins the company.

Later, he received another email stating that he had to pay Rs 11,800 for two ID cards with magnetic chips.

Later, Kape paid Rs 16,850 as a "head-office commission". "I received another email stating that the management has selected me for a different position for which the CTC is around Rs 6.6 lakh per annum, and again I was asked to pay a commission of Rs 16,200," Kape said.

Kape was also told that his bank account and work insurance has to be processed for which the company has to pay Rs 35,000 and Rs 5,500. The HR team asked Kape to pay and said the money would get refunded.

Later, Kale received another email stating that his joining dates got postponed indefinitely. It was now that Kape felt something amiss.

He called up Vishnu and demanded that he meet him. Soon after, Vishnu stopped attending Kape's calls. Kape visited the Britannia office and realised that he had been duped. He met a different HR personnel there who told him that there was no one named Vishnu, or Vinay or Aditya who was working for them.

Further investigations are underway

B'luru sets record with over 1 lakh daily tests

Experts opine that no other city has tested so many people for covid since January 17

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A health worker collects swab samples from a police official at city railway station

Bengaluru has created a new record in the country. While reporting high number of covid cases in the country, the city also has been testing more than one lakh people on a daily basis.

Experts say that no city has tested so many people consistently since January 17. On January 17, the city tested 1.27 lakh people followed by 1.09 lakh on January 18, 1.18 lakh on January 19 and 1.1 lakh tests were recorded on January 20. This is helping the authorities to track and trace the patients at the earliest so that timely treatment can be given.

So far, 2,57,76,415 tests have been conducted. Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr K Sudhakar said, "Testing plays a vital role in this battle against the pandemic. We have always been aggressive in testing and tracking. This has been one of our cornerstones in this fight against covid. I congratulate all our healthcare workers and district administration on this remarkable feat." Delhi, which was leading in testing (cumulative tests 3, 43, 31,522) has reduced the testing with 44,966 tested on Friday. Mumbai is on an average conducting 50,000 tests (cumulative tests-1, 48, 81,330).

Meanwhile, Karnataka achieved a landmark of conducting 6 crore covid-19 tests on Saturday. Dr Sudhakar said, "When the pandemic started in early 2020, National Institutes of Virology (NIV) units were used to conduct tests. State used to send samples to NIV centres in Pune.

Karnataka gradually established laboratories and now we have about 268 testing facilities including 99 government and 169 private labs. Karnataka has tested 6, 01,14,815 samples so far, including 1, 14, 12,162 Rapid Antigen Tests and 4, 87, 02,653 RT-PCR tests. While 1, 41, 96,065 samples were tested in 2020, 4, 23, 91,357 samples were tested in 2021. So far, 35, 27,393 tests were conducted in 2022."

Both Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education departments have always religiously followed the 5T strategy of test, track, trace, triaging and technology. "We have set up 3,678 (3,102 government and 666 private) swab collection centres, which is one each for every 20,000 population. Initially, we had only 10-12 government labs and covid testing facility, which has now increased to 57. With 108 NA Extractors, 139 RT-PCR machines, we have capacity to test 1, 20,800 samples per day in government facilities," the minister added.

After the Omicron variant was found, the health department mandated that at least 2 per cent of the tests should be conducted at airports. Later, the target was increased to about 80,000 to 1 lakh samples per day.

Hospitalisation least this time

A comparision of hospitalisation during the peak of three waves shows that the hospitalisation is least in the third wave. On March 20, 2020 (when State reported its highest of 9,047 cases), 16 per cent of hospital beds were occupied. During the Delta-driven wave of March 21, 2021 (when 50,112 cases were reported in Karnataka), 21 per cent of the hospital beds were occupied. On January 21 this year (when 47,754 cases were reported), 5 per cent of hospital beds were occupied in the State.

Testing of children

Since it was opined that third wave could predominantly affect children, the government mandated to conduct at least 2 per cent of the tests on children, Dr Sudhakar said.

"Of the total tests conducted between December 1 and January 20, 29 per cent of the tests were conducted on children. We are also conducting random RAT in schools, colleges and restaurants once in every 15 days." The testing target increased to 2 lakh per day from January 18 in Karnataka.

Defending the withdrawal of weekend curfew, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that though the number of cases is higher in the third wave, the severity is less. "Medications are available for treatment and the recovery rate too is high.

This decision has been taken to avoid inconvenience to the public, especially the working class, with the objective that the lives too are saved and life too goes on," he added.

Deve Gowda tests positive

Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda tested positive for covid on Saturday. He is said to be asymptomatic and admitted to a private hospital as a precautionary measure. His wife Chennamma has tested negative.

Restaurateurs laud CM for lifting weekend curfew

National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) has thanked Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai for lifting the weekend curfew in Karnataka and hearing the concerns of the restaurant industry.

Mukesh Tolani, Head of NRAI Bengaluru Chapter said: "On behalf of the Industry, I profusely thank Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai for lifting the weekend curfew in Bengaluru. A huge thank you for hearing out our concerns so patiently, understanding them and reassuring us that they will be resolved soon. The announcement of the lifting of weekend curfew is the ray of hope for us and the industry can certainly be hopeful of a balanced approach with regards to curfews in future."

He further added that during a meeting with the CM, they had conveyed that they were fighting a grim battle for existence and only an urgent policy and fiscal support from the Government could help them survive the pandemic.

"I was so delighted to see that the Chief Minister is pro-business and advised us to make more detailed and specific representations and promised to take up the concerns of the industry on priority. The meeting gave the industry much optimism after a gloomy 2 years as Basavaraj Bommai also expressed empathy towards the situation faced by our industry over the last 2 years and promised to keep the industry in mind when taking decisions on curfews and expressed that he would be happiest when businesses like ours can get back to complete normal operations," he explained. The representatives of NRAI and Craft Brewers Association of India met with the Chief Minister on Friday where they expressed the concerns of the Hospitality Industry with regards to the weekend curfew, taxations, licensing and ease-of-doing business. The government ended the weekend curfew on Friday despite the growing number of Covid in the state especially in Bengaluru after the high-level meeting.

Cases dip in Bengaluru

Has Bengaluru gone past its peak? Well, it may be too early to say but the city's cases saw a big dip on Saturday with 17,266 people testing positive (along with six deaths). On the other hand, State's cases also saw a slight dip with 42,470 cases with 26 deaths. Interestingly, 1,11,905 tests were conducted in Bengaluru which is an indicator that the tests have been higher (usually cases dip with fewer tests). A health expert said, "It may be too early to predict about Bengaluru but if the same trend continues for a week, then we may be able to say whether Covid is dipping or not. Let's hope the cases fall at the earliest."

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SPIDEY SENSE

"A tiny spider in my bathroom. This species hunts its prey instead of waiting for it to walk into its web. The male spider, after mating, is consumed by his bride for whom, he is also a protein-rich diet."

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Rajajinagar road is a hotspot for accidents

Residents have a tough time commuting thanks to poor street lighting, no speed breakers and sharp turns on the stretch

Rajajinagar's 4th M Block is every commuter's nightmare; authorities have turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to their plight

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For the residents of Rajajinagar 4th M Block, trying to navigate the road in their area is no less of a Herculean effort. The road's sharp turns on both sides, no speed breakers and poor lighting has made the stretch a frequent spot for accidents.

Kunal Jain, a freelance designer residing in Rajajinagar, said: "The point of entry of the turn faces the Venus International High School. The students wait in that area for their autos and buses. The vehicles go in this road at full speed and since there are no speed breakers, it is extremely risky for the kids standing there. Few weeks ago, an auto that was coming in full speed toppled on the road and was completely damaged; luckily there were no passengers in it, and no one got injured."

Chandan Singh, a businessman residing in Rajajinagar added that they have been witness to many accidents. "I have not counted, but roughly, I have seen around 15-20 accidents in this area in the two years that I have been staying here."

Ramesh Jain, a volunteer in the area said that there have been days when he woke up in the middle of the night due to the sound of an accident and ran to save the people who were hurt. "There are almost nine streetlights in the area; however out of them, barely two work properly."

The residents have taken their woes to the BBMP officials. They have also tried getting the attention of their MLA towards the issue, to no avail.

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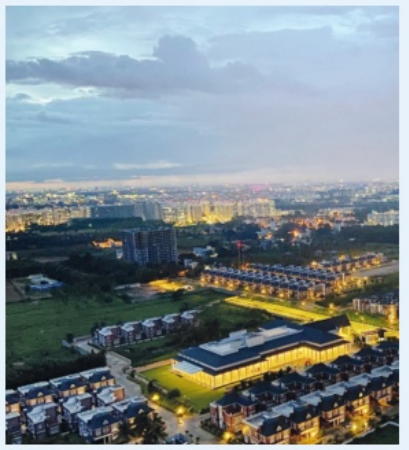

Bengaluru is situated at the focus of southern India's road and rail systems. It lies on the main north-south national highway through central India, is connected by major roads with Mumbai (Bombay; northwest) and Chennai (Madras; east), and is linked to Kerala (southwest) via Mysuru (Mysore), through the Nilgiri Hills and Palghat Gap.
It is also a regional rail hub, with lines radiating in all directions. Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Bengaluru, about 25 miles (40 km) north-northeast of central Bengaluru, opened in 2008, replacing the older Hindustan Airport east of the city centre. The city has a fairly extensive bus network, and taxis and rickshaws are easily accessible.
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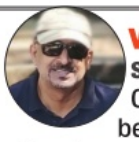
What are your covid-apt plans now that the weekend curfew has been lifted?



Vinod Jacob
Social Activist
Considering the spike in cases, it's best to stay away from crowds. Wearing a mask, getting vaccinated and getting your booster dose is important. Since Omicron is doubling at a faster pace, it's better to stay safe and stay home. No rallies -- political or otherwise -- should be allowed.

Tahir Rehman GZ
BM Reader
Weekend curfew and night curfews were so illogical. The common man should stop following number of cases. Everyone should live a happy life without fear.

Dr Rajan Dawande
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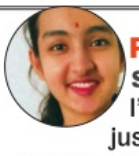
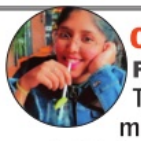
My plan following the lifting of the weekend curfew is to participate in vaccination camps to ensure more citizens are vaccinated. Additionally, giving online consultations parallelly by adhering to covid norms.



Priyanka A
Second-year BCom student
I'm planning to take it easy and just relax. We have to follow covid protocols and it's for our own good. With grandparents and kids at home, it's better to stay home and stay safe.



Chavana
First-year engineering student
There hasn't been any plans for months due to covid. Just binge-watching on OTT platforms if bored or play indoor games because it's not the right time to roam around the city and go out if only necessary.

SPEAK TO US

So guys, the first month of 2022 has dragged to an end. Tell us, how you fared in keeping up with resolutions and aspirations

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THE SUNDAY READ

A fire rages on at the Nagarahole National Park

We didn't start the fire, it was always burning

Forest fires are common, but any rise in their frequency is worrying

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Karnataka has reported 5,784 cases of forest fires in the last season (November 2020-June 2021), says the State of Forest Report 2021 released recently. However, the number of forest fires registered from November 2019 to June 2020 was 4,232, indicating that the frequency has gone up by 36%.

While forest fires are a recurring and common phenomenon, a surge in their frequency can be a reason to worry.

"Higher incidences of forest fire show that our management strategy is not appropriate. While such incidents can be natural or human induced, most of the fires in recent times are human induced; done for vested interests such as land encroachment. Every time there is a fire, we are losing biodiversity in the form of ground flora and fauna," said Dr. TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc.

Experts say there can be a myriad of reasons behind the surge in forest fire frequency. "Change in climatic conditions can be one of the most important aspects. Moreover, the Forest Survey of India (FSI) and Karnataka Forest Department are well-equipped with latest technologies such as 'detection software' and high-resolution satellite imagery. These factors contribute towards an increase in reported cases. However, one cannot deny lack of public transparency and accountability in the department. Money is available but utilisation of that fund in the right way is the need of the hour," said DV Girish, wildlife conservationist and environmentalist.

According to experts, selection of inappropriate species for large-scale afforestation and monoculture plantation are some other reasons, indirectly leading to forest fires.

"Our study shows that the streams and rivers in forests with native tree species carry water across all the 12 months. However, in areas with monoculture plantations, water is available only during six to eight months; this number goes further down to four months in case of a degraded landscape. Moreover, pollinators in the vicinity of a native forest are more diverse and higher in number. Availability of water, coupled with a rich pollinator base doubles the crop yield. There will be less human induced fire incidents if livelihoods of those living in the vicinity of forests are improved with higher crop yield," said Dr. Ramachandra.

Centre's data 'inflated'

According to the Forest Resource Management wing of the Karnataka Forest Department, the data on the frequency of forest fires in Karnataka, furnished by FSI is not spot on. "FSI records fire alerts and there can be multiple alerts for one incident. Also, while we have digitised our forest boundary, FSI does not have this system. Any fire outside 50 m of our digitised boundary is not counted in our system. Moreover, unlike FSI that relies only on National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) data, we take assistance from other satellite data too," said Prabhas Chandra Ray, additional principal chief conservator of forests, Forest Resource Management, Karnataka Forest Department.

Brace for more fire

According to the Karnataka Forest Department officials, 2022 will see more fire incidents compared to last year. "We are expecting more incidents this fire season. There has been extensive rain leading to vegetation growth, which will witness more human induced fire by the villagers in the surrounding areas. We are taking precaution and have alerted our people to be ready. While some incidents are by accident, most of them are started by the villagers," said Prabhas.

Experts too do not deny the role of extreme weather conditions.

Fund crunch?

The state forest department officials say that there is a mismatch between fund availability and requirements on the ground. "We are in the process of extending our fire lines and maintenance work; but, we can only do so much with the available budget. To maintain a forest area of 38 lakh hectare, we receive an annual budget of Rs. 28 crore, all sources combined. This means that our management cost per hectare is less than Rs. 1. The Centre must disburse more money towards forest fire management. If we have more funds, we can have outreach programmes with the villagers and can incentivise those living at the forest fringes," said Prabhas.

Experts stress upon the importance of evaluation of forest services to attract more funds.

"We have not impressed upon the economists and decision-makers the importance of forest, especially from the hydrological and biodiversity point of view. We need to tell them that the forests have a role to play in the economy of the country. Till date, the government has not done an evaluation of forest services," said Dr. Ramachandra, adding that the need of the hour is more foot soldiers in the form of forest guards and RFOs.

Volleyball star too was told to focus on studies

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Varun GS, who will be showcasing his talent for Bengaluru Torpedoes in the upcoming edition of Prime Volleyball League, had to work hard to convince his parents to pursue the sport when he was young.

The 25-year-old volleyball player, who hails from Hubballi in Karnataka, had started his career when he was in Class 10.

Seeing other villagers play the sport developed an interest in him for volleyball. When his school coaches approached him to try him out for the team because of his good height, he found an entry into the sport.

But his parents, who work at a private coffee plantation, at that point were not keen on him pursuing volleyball. "In the beginning, my parents had no interest. They wanted me to just focus on my studies. I used to lie to them when I went for training. I would tell them I am going to attend tuitions and instead go for training," said Varun.

"After I played in my first nationals for Karnataka, they saw my newspaper clippings. Then they felt that I could do something in this sport, and since then, they have given me full freedom to pursue the sport," he added.

Varun represented his state in the U-14, U-16, and U-18 nationals over the years. He then went to pursue a college degree in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu and represented the state in U-21 Nationals.

Varun made his way to the India camp after playing Senior Nationals, but was unable to break into the Indian squad. When the applications were invited to apply for the latest edition of Prime Volleyball League in 2022, Varun decided to give it a shot.

"There was a big pool of players this time and lots of senior and experienced ones. Hence, I was unsure of being picked and was eager to see how it would go. But then I got a call that I have been selected by Bengaluru Torpedoes. I was happy and super excited when I saw my name," said Varun.

Varun received multiple calls from his peers, friends and coaches, congratulating him for selection in the PVL. He, himself, called up his family to tell them the news. "I did not celebrate much, because my focus was on preparations for the tournament, and not on celebrations. I knew immediately I wanted to give the best for my team who showed faith in me," he said. -ANI

Varun is happy that the league is giving a chance to local talent

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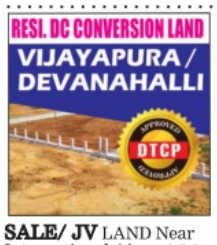

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Jabs, a swindling tool in Mysuru

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Cyber fraudsters invented new ways to cheat people amid the pandemic. Earlier, these fraudsters were posing as bank officials, but now they have changed their cheating modus operandi. Misusing the vaccination drive, many fraudsters are cheating people by taking their Aadhaar and bank details on the pretext of registering them for vaccine doses.

They are calling people posing as health workers. On getting Aadhaar number and bank details, they send SMS links to the victims and hack their bank accounts.

Fraudsters call innocent people and ask them to register by telling OTP sent to their mobiles. The public easily believes that this may be an arrangement by the Government and provides all the details, only to lose money. Mysuru District Health Officer Dr KH Prasad said, "Health department will not call any person for covid-19 vaccination. It will not EVEN send any link. The public can visit health centres or they can get vaccination when health workers visit near their area."

Superintendent of Police R Chetan, "People must be careful in respect to SMSs and links sent as related to covid-19 vaccination". Depty SP, Cyber Crime KN Yashwanth Kumar, "The government's OTP rule helps the public to get vaccines and certificates. But cybercriminals use this opportunity to extract money from the vulnerable. This type of cheating is being carried out in neighbouring states."

Vehicle purchase turns dramatic

A youth visited a Mahindra showroom to buy a goods vehicle in Tumakuru on Saturday. But seeing his outfit, the staff humiliated him by saying, "No car buyer comes like this. You can't pay 10 rupees, so how can you pay Rs 10 lakh?" An hour later, when the youth returned with the money, the staffers told him they will be able to deliver the vehicle in three days. Kempegowda was angry and urged to deliver the vehicle immediately. This created a severe quarrel between him and the showroom staff. Finally, the issue went to Tilak Park police station. They mediated and took a written statement from the staff and closed it.

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 # 44.80% TPR in Kerala
For the third consecutive day in Kerala, the number of daily new Covid cases crossed 40,000 while the daily TPR reached an all-time high of 44.80 per cent

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Roadshows, rallies ban to stay till Jan 31

Election Commission has enhanced limit of persons for door-to-door campaign from 5 to 10 individuals

#NEW DELHI

Amid a surge in covid cases, the Election Commission of India on Saturday extended the ban on physical rallies and roadshows till January 31, said a press release by the Election Commission.

But the Election Commission has enhanced the limit of persons for door-to-door campaign from 5 to 10 persons, as per the statement.

Meanwhile, the commission has permitted video vans for publicity at designated open spaces with covid-19 restrictions.

The decision came after the Election Commission of India held a meeting earlier in the day with the Union Health Secretary and the Chief Health Secretaries of the five poll-bound states to review the ban on holding physical roadshows and rallies by political parties ahead of Assembly elections.

Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra along with Election Commissioners Rajiv Kumar, Anup Chandra Pandey, Secretary General, and concerned Deputy Election Commissioners also held a comprehensive review of the present situation with respect to status and projected trends of covid-19 pandemic in the five poll going states, said a press release by Election Commission of India.

Commission also deliberated on requirements of the campaign period in phases where candidate list will be finalised on January 27, 2022 for Phase I and on January 31, 2022 for Phase 2, added the press release.

Besides this, Commission has also decided the following:

- Since contesting candidates for Phase 1 elections will be finalised on January 27, 2022,Commission has decided to allow physical public meetings of political parties or contesting candidates in designated open spaces with a maximum of 500 persons or 50 per cent of the capacity of the ground or the prescribed limit set by SDMA, whichever number is lesser,from January 28, 2022 till February 8, 2022.
- Since contesting candidates for Phase 2 elections will be finalised on January 31 2022, Commission has decided to allow physical public meetings of Political parties or contesting candidates in designated open spaces with a maximum of 500 persons or 50 per cent of the capacity of the ground or the prescribed limit set by SDMA, whichever number is lesser, from February 1, 2022 till February 12, 2022 (excluding the silence period).
- Commission has granted relaxation for the parties to the extent that indoor meetings of a maximum of 300 persons or 50 per cent of the capacity of the hall or the prescribed limit set by SDMA is allowed.
- Political parties and contesting candidates shall ensure the compliance of covid appropriate behaviour & guidelines and Model Code of Conduct at all occasions during the activities connected with elections.
- It shall be the responsibility of the DEO concerned to identify and to notify the designated spaces in advance for the aforesaid purposes.
- All other restrictions in the Revised Broad Guidelines for Conduct of Elections, 2022 issued on January 8, shall continue. **-PTI**

File photo of BJP supporters waiting ahead of a rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Ferozepur

> **As Phase-1 candidates will be finalised on Jan 27, the Commission has decided to allow meetings in designated open spaces with a maximum of 500 persons** –The poll panel

6 dead, 23 hurt in fire at Mumbai high-rise

Smoke billows out after a blaze on the 18th floor of Kamla building

#MUMBAI

At least six persons were killed and 23 others injured in a major fire that broke out on the 19th floor of a residential building in Tardeo area of central Mumbai on Saturday morning, officials said. The blaze erupted around 7 am at Sachinam Heights, a ground-plus-20-storey building located opposite Bhatia Hospital at Gowalia Tank when many of the residents were still asleep, an official of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the incident and announced on Twitter that ex-gratia assistance of Rs 2 lakh would be provided to the family members of each deceased from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), and the injured would be given Rs 50,000 each. Maharashtra Tourism Minister Aaditya Thackeray, who is also the guardian minister of Mumbai suburban district, visited the site and said the state government will provide a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the family members of each deceased. The blaze appeared to have been caused by a short-circuit, he said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also condoled the deaths and urged party workers to provide assistance to the affected families. Some residents of the building alleged that three nearby private hospitals refused to admit injured persons without advance deposit payment and negative COVID-19 certificates. BJP leader and former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis alleged that due to these hospitals turning away the victims, the death toll increased. **-PTI**

Mahatma's favourite hymn dropped from Beating Retreat ceremony

#NEW DELHI

One of Mahatma Gandhi's favourite Christian hymns "Abide With Me" has been dropped from this year's Beating Retreat ceremony on January 29, according to a brochure released by the Indian Army on Saturday. "Abide With Me", written by Scottish Anglican poet and hymnologist Henry Francis Lyte in 1847, has been part of the Beating Retreat ceremony since 1950.

This year's ceremony will conclude with 'Sare Jahan Se Acha', the brochure stated. The Beating Retreat used to end with the "Abide With Me" hymn.

The brochure also listed 26 tunes that will be played at this year's ceremony. The 26 tunes that will be played at this year's ceremony include 'Hey Kanchha', 'Channa Bilauri', 'Jai Janam Bhumi', 'Nritya Sarita', 'Vijay Josh', 'Kesaria Banna', 'Veer Siachen', 'Hathroi', 'Vijay Ghosh', 'Ladaakoo', 'Swadeshi', 'Amar Chattan', 'Golden Arrows' and 'Swarn Jayanti' **-PTI**

Indian-origin scientist part of detailed Omicron study

#TORONTO

A team of researchers, including an Indian-origin scientist at the prestigious University of British Columbia, has become the first in the world to conduct a molecular-level structural analysis of the Omicron spike protein, which could help accelerate the development of more effective treatments against the variant.

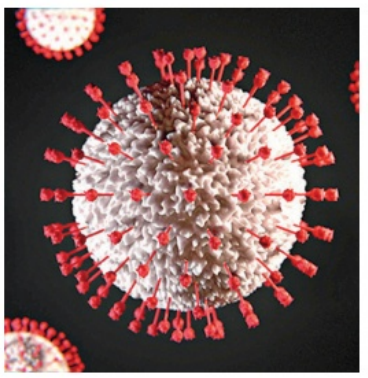
Spike protein helps the virus enter and infect cells.

Dr Sriram Subramaniam, professor in UBC faculty of medicine's department of biochemistry and molecular biology, said that Omicron has greater binding affinity than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus, with levels more comparable to what seen with the Delta variant.

The findings, published in the Science journal, sheds new light on why Omicron is highly transmissible and will help accelerate the development of more effective treatments, according to a statement issued by the Vancouver-based university.

The analysis, done at near atomic resolution using a cryo-electron microscope, reveals how the heavily mutated variant infects human cells and is highly evasive of immunity,

Subramaniam discussed the implications of his team's research and underlined that "vaccination remains our best defence against the Omicron variant".



The spike protein is how the virus attaches to and infects humans

The findings show strong antibody evasion and binding with human cells that contribute to increased transmissibility, and that vaccination remains the best defence, the university said.

"UBC researchers are the first in the world to conduct a molecular-level structural analysis of the Omicron variant spike protein," it said. Subramaniam said: "the Omicron variant is unprecedented for having 37 spike protein mutations, that's three to five times more mutations than any other variant we've seen". This is important for two reasons. Firstly, because the spike protein is how the virus attaches to and infects human cells. Secondly, because antibodies attach to the spike protein in order to neutralise the virus, he said. "So, small mutations on the spike protein have potentially big implications for how the virus is transmitted, how our body fights it off, and the effectiveness of treatments. "Our study used cryo-electron microscopy and other tests to understand how mutations impact the behaviour of the Omicron variant at a molecular level," he said. **-PTI**

HEALTH TIP: Migraine may be triggered by the artificial sweetener aspartame and the flavour enhancer monosodium glutamate (MSG)

As alcohol may worsen arthritis symptoms, anyone with inflammatory arthritis should restrict or avoid it

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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 20-year-old woman having the following queries. 1) Which is the best hair removal technique — using a razor or waxing? 2) I usually masturbate by massaging my clitoris. Of late, I have also been getting physical with my boyfriend, but I am unable to achieve orgasm via intercourse. Please help me.

Both the techniques are equally recommendable. So it is your choice. With intercourse, the man often finishes before his partner. In that case, continue stroking against his body till you get an orgasm. You may also use your finger.

2 I am a 29-year-old married man. Whenever I have sex with my wife, I ejaculate within five seconds. I do not get an erection again after that. Both of us are unhappy about this. I have been married only for six months and we are already having problems.

Control your sexual pleasure centre. One way of doing this is to hold back intercourse and focus on foreplay until your wife reaches an orgasm. After 10 minutes, initiate intercourse and if you finish earlier than her, help her achieve her second orgasm with your fingers. Take a sixweek course of Neo tablet (Charak), one tablet repeated thrice a day half an hour before food.

3 I am 30 years old. We have a puja on June 9 and 10 but my period is due on June 8. Please suggest some medicines to postpone the date. Also, will it cause any side effects?

Ask your doctor to prescribe tablets that will delay your period. You should start this course four days before the puja.

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SNACK ATTACK

Whether midnight cravings or an evening munchie, these recipes are a wonderful way to satiate those hunger pangs

MATTAR SAMOSA KI CHAT

INGREDIENTS
- Boiled dried peas: 1 cup
- Samosa: 2 small (can use store-bought): 2 small
- Tamarind chutney: 2 tsp
- Green chutney: 2 tsp
- Onion, finely chopped: 1
- Tomato, finely chopped: 1
- Degi mirch (red chilli powder): pinch
- Aamchoor (dried mango powder): a pinch
- Roasted cumin powder: a pinch
- Chaat masala: a pinch
- Sev: 4 tsps
- Fresh coriander: For garnishing

Prep Time: 30-40 min **Cooking Time:** 60 min **Serves** 4

METHOD
- Break 1 samosa roughly. Pour in 1 cup of peas. Top with 1 tsp tamarind chutney and 1 tsp green chutney. Also, add 2 tbsp onion and 2 tbsp tomato. Sprinkle chilli powder, amchur, cumin powder and pinch chaat masala. Additionally, top with 3 tbsp fine sev and coriander leaves. Finally, enjoy samosa chaat topped with pomegranate if required.

CHICKEN SPRING ROLL

Prep Time: 30 min **Cooking Time:** 15 min **Serves** 4

INGREDIENTS
- Corn flour: 4tbsp
- Minced chicken: 400 gm
- Chilli garlic paste: 4 tbsp
- Water: 2 cups
- Spring roll sheet
- Soya sauce: 2 tbsp
- Black pepper: ½ tsp
- Garlic minced: 8 cloves
- Fresh noodle: 200 gm
- Shredded cabbage: 2 cups
- Spring onion: 1 cup
- Shredded carrot: 1 cup

METHOD
- Marination: Take a glass bowl and mix soy sauce, chill garlic sauce, pepper, and cornflour in it. Add the minced chicken to it and mix well with the already added ingredients. Allow the chicken to marinate for 10-15 minutes.
- Heat 1 tbsp refined oil in a large pan over moderate flame. Add the marinated chicken to the pan and stir fry it until brown. Once done, remove and set aside.
- Now to prepare the filling, add green onion, garlic and ginger to the same pan and cook for 30 seconds. Add carrots, noodles, and cabbage. Stir well and turn the heat to medium. Then add chicken and stir for 2 more minutes. Set aside to cool completely.
- Take another bowl and mix the remaining cornflour and water. Keep the mixture aside. Meanwhile, take the spring roll sheets and fill a corner with 2 tbsp of the chicken, noodle and vegetable mix. Roll the sheets and apply a bit of cornflour and water on the edges to ensure that they have been sealed well.
- Take a frying pan and heat refined oil in it over a high flame. Once the oil is sufficiently hot, deep fry the spring rolls till golden brown. Drain on a paper towel and serve them hot with sweet chilli sauce. You can also pair this spring roll recipe with cocktails/mocktails of your choice.

DAL PALAK KI SHAMI KEBAB

Prep Time: 20 min **Cooking Time:** 60 min **Serves** 4

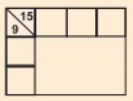
INGREDIENTS
- Spinach: 2 bunches
- Roasted chana dal: 4 tbsps
- Onion: 1
- Ginger: ½-inch long piece
- Garlic cloves: 4
- Green chilli: 3
- Lemon juice: 2 tsps
- Garam masala powder: 3/4th tsp
- Chaat masala: ½ tsp
- Salt: To taste
- Oil: 8 tbsps
- Ghee: 2 tbsps

METHOD
- Thoroughly wash palak leaves and finely chop them. Chop onion. Keep aside. Shred ginger, garlic cloves and green chillies together. Heat 1 tbsp oil in a pan. Add chopped onion and sauté until golden brown. Mix the shredded ginger, garlic, and chilli mixture. Sauté for 2 minutes. Now add chopped leaves and cook until it turns soft. Add roasted chana dal and salt. Mix well. Meanwhile, finely powder the roasted chana dal in a blender. Add the chana dal powder to the cooking leaves. Mix well.
- Turn off the heat. Pour lemon juice and chaat masala on the mixture. Mix thoroughly. Make small equal-sized patties of this mixture. Heat ghee in a flat-bottomed pan/ griddle and shallow fry these patties on both sides.
- Serve hot with green chutney or onion slices.

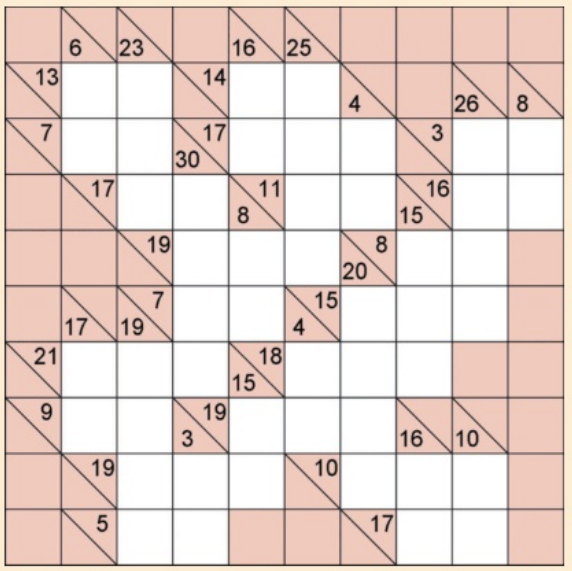
Recipes shared by Gurpreet Singh, Sous Chef, The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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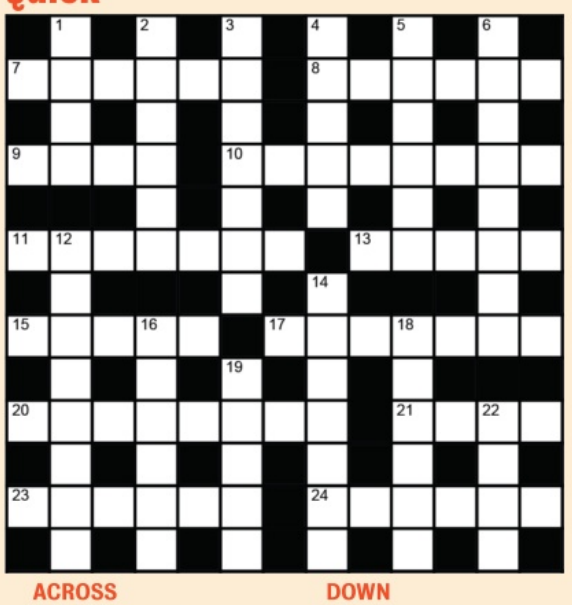


ACROSS

7 Church officer (6)
8 Polar surface (6)
9 Sci-fi/fantasy award (4)
10 Found fault with; bickered or nagged (8)
11 Environment (7)
13 Proof of innocence (5)
15 Protrude outwards (5)
17 Confers upon (7)
20 ___ ____ Punishment : Feodor Mikhailovich Dostoevski's most famous novel? (5,3)
21 Indian river (4)
23 Postpone or discouraged (3,3)
24 Twisted as by heat (6)

DOWN

1 Male admirer (4)
2 Marine creatures (6)
3 Disparate (7)
4 Not flexible (5)
5 This lake can be found along the junction of Bellary Road and the Outer Ring Road (6)
6 Acknowledge applause or recognition (4,1,3)
12 Fish corral (8)
14 Disappointment (3-4)
16 Smoked or cured ham (6)
18 Fleshy underground roots (6)
19 Blunder (5)
22 Chopped down (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS D

H ARV'N AKJKMUK GVT DMKAHN ZRM NPMVHVI NXK RNXKM DXKKB GJ ST NRVIPK HJ GWOGTJ HV HN.

Linemaro

Giant polar bear! (What?) It broke the ice

Mindchow

Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away

Joke of the day

Son: Why do barbers become good drivers shortly? Father: Because they know all the short cuts

Loop

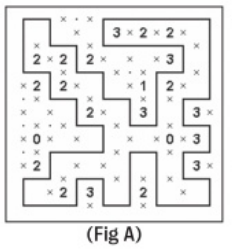
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

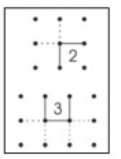
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



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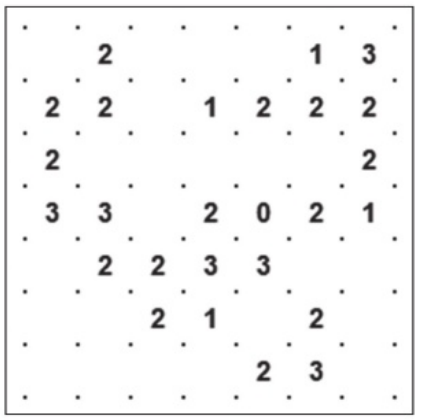
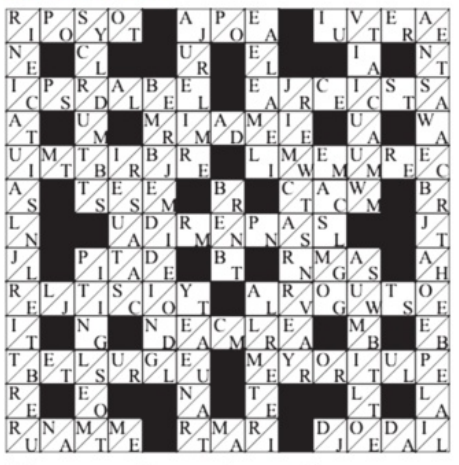


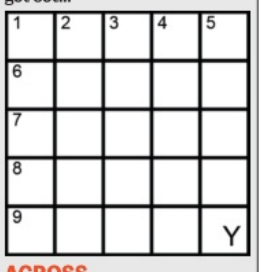
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Cheat; 6 Lures; 7 Solar; 8 Air ma; 9 Ox Pry

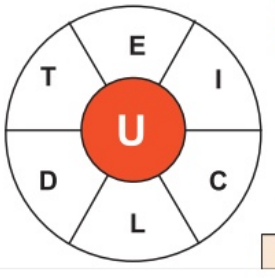
DOWN

1 To RPM; 2 R aura; 3 Coral; 4 Hi lex; 5 As yes

Mensapuzzle

Which letter follows the sequence to complete the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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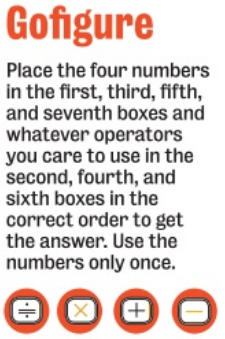
	1			7			8	
		7	9	5	1	2		
		3	6	4	7	8		
	3			2			9	
		1	3		8	7		
	2	8				6	4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

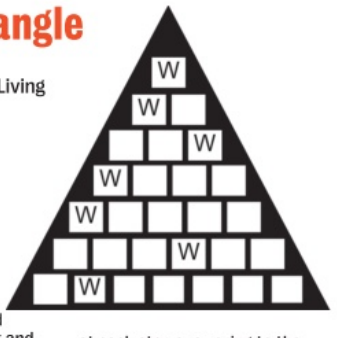
Differences: 1. Paint stir stick is moved. 2. Paint brush is not as wide. 3. Shutter is wider. 4. Tree trunk is different. 5. Tarp is larger. 6. Nose is different.

Riddler

The same five-letter word can be added to either the front or back, but not both, of the following words to create four new words. Can you determine what the five-letter word's identity is? Key Wall Gem Washed

Alpha triangle

1 Watt, abbr.
2 Ayn Rand's _ The Living
3 Chop
4 Sharpen
5 Cereal grain
6 Melted
7 Swaddled



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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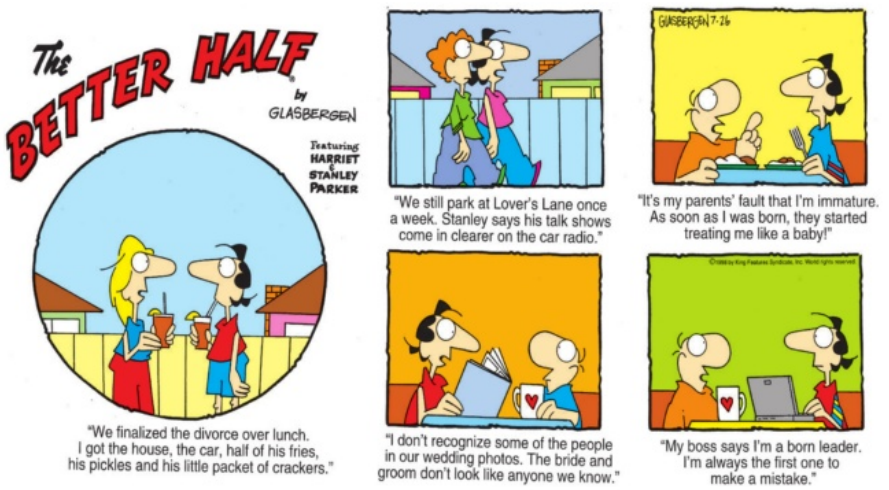
The BETTER HALF
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"We finalized the divorce over lunch. I got the house, the car, half of his fries, his pickles and his little packet of crackers."
"We still park at Lover's Lane once a week. Stanley says his talk shows come in clearer on the car radio."
"It's my parents' fault that I'm immature. As soon as I was born, they started treating me like a baby!"
"I don't recognize some of the people in our wedding photos. The bride and groom don't look like anyone we know."
"My boss says I'm a born leader. I'm always the first one to make a mistake."

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
MOM?
DO ANYTHING INTERESTING TODAY?
I YELLED "IN HERE" FROM NINE DIFFERENT ROOMS.
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
THWIP!
POSSESSING INCREDIBLE "SPIDER-POWERS", PETER PARKER USED HIS SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY TO CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL WEB-SHOOTER--
--A SIMPLE DEVICE, MAKING HIM MASTER OF THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS!
CROSSING THE NEVADA/CALIFORNIA STATE LINE....
BY NOW, ROCKET RACCOON'S PROBABLY HALFWAY BACK TO--WHATEVER PART OF THE GALAXY HE CAME FROM.
HE'D COME AFTER YOU WITH HIS BLASTER IF HE HEARD YOU CALL HIM A "RACCOON"!
YEAH, I GUESS HE WOULD.
SO, HONEY...DID OUR LITTLE ADVENTURE PUT YOU IN THE MOOD FOR YOUR UPCOMING PUBLICITY GIG?
ACTUALLY, IT MADE ME FORGET ALL ABOUT IT!
WELL, THERE'S ONE THING WE CAN BE SURE OF.
WHAT'S THAT?
NOTHING WE RUN INTO IN HOLLYWOOD CAN BE ANY WEIRDER THAN THE COMBO OF ROCKET, RONAN AND THE SENTRY!
DEFINE "WEIRDER"!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel healthy as old health issues may get cured now. An amount, which was stuck somewhere, may get recovered now. You may apply for a loan to buy some stuff related to luxury.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by Jupiter. This may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are decisive, so you may grab an opportunity without a second thought. You may spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants may find a suitable job with the help of friends.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may become a victim of arrogance. This may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work. Your hard work may pay you now. This may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to get resolved now. Your meeting with an influential person may boost your network.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. This may make you happy. You are likely to receive a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite to the people around you. You may make some difficult decisions for the business with the help of your colleagues.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. It's a good day for you. You have good vitality and may enjoy at work. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse too, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project. Perfectionism may help you to design a flow chart. Job seekers will find a suitable job. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may not feel better as old health issues may arise again. This may make you upset. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurrying. It is advised to think twice before making any decisions. It is advised to not store money carelessly, or you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You may receive good gains from your past investments. You may be able to make quick decisions for work. This may give you good gains in the near future.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy at work. With the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you to gain profits from past investments. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which will boost harmony in your domestic life. Love birds may enjoy happy moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is over. With the help of blessings, you may receive reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate postponed works. Some gains in your business may boost your finances.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. Postpone investing into the business. Don't start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in business. Your gains may convert into losses.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be enthusiastic. This may speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions, which will boost your business. You may start a new innovation in partnership. Avoid investing in fixed assets with your business partner.

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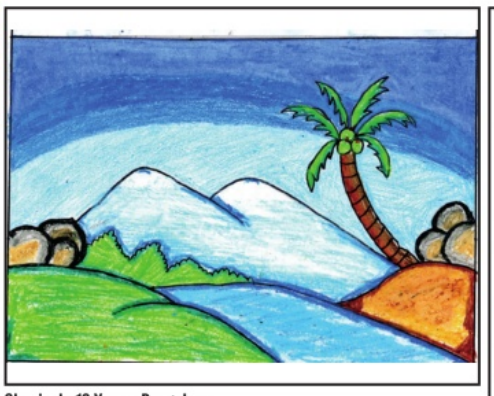

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$\sqrt[3]{0.125} + 0.5$
$0.5 + 0.5 = 1$

RIDDLER
The word you need is Stone. Keystone, Stonewall, Gemstone, Stonewashed

QUOTE UNCODE
I don't deserve any credit for turning the other cheek as my tongue is always in it.

BULL'S EYE
clue, cued, cut, cute, dilute, duct, DUCTILE, duel, duet, lieu, lucid, lute

FAST FIVE

T	A	C	H	E
R	U	L	E	S
O	R	A	L	S
M	A	R	I	A
P	R	O	X	Y

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
W. Working from left to right, letters move forwards 7 places, then back 2. Repeat this sequence until the end.

SUDOKU

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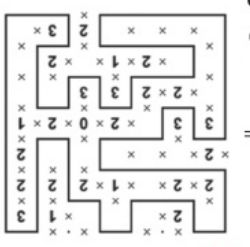
1	9	4	8	3	2	5	6	7
2	5	3	6	4	7	8	1	9
5	3	6	7	2	4	1	9	8
9	4	1	3	6	8	7	2	5
7	2	8	1	9	5	6	4	3

GO FIGURE
$7 - 6 + 5 - 5 = 1$
Easy
$2 \times 5 + 6 + 3 = 19$
Medium
$5 + 9 - 4 \times 2 = 20$
Hard

ALPHA TRIANGLE
W, We, Hew, Whet, Wheat, Thawed, Swathed.

LOOP



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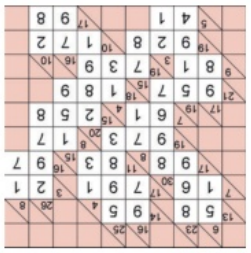

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Ana de Armas' fans seethe
Two fans of Cuban-Spanish actress Ana de Armas have filed a federal class-action lawsuit on Friday alleging they were duped into renting the 2019 film 'Yesterday' because the actor had appeared in the trailer.

As more celebs announce the sad news of them parting ways, we take a look at how social media is turning into a celebrity...

Heartbreak Hotel

Exploring what prompts celebs to choose a social platform for personal updates

The week gone by was an eventful one in the showbiz industry. In the late hours of the evening on January 17, South actor Dhanush and Rajinikanth's daughter Aishwaryaa announced their separation on Instagram after 18 years of togetherness. Shocking as it was, social media went into a frenzy with a myriad of reactions - some expressed shock and lamented about the broken marriage, others speculated what went wrong between the apparently happy couple. Fans of the star couple could not fathom how a relationship that started with so much promise, can fizzle out after such a long time spent together and having two kids to parent.

No one quite understands how and why and when a 'once madly in love' couple falls apart. To say that modern love is messed up won't be completely wrong after all. To quote Deepika Padukone's character from 'Gehraiyaan', "Are we just messed up people?" Maybe we are.

Over the last three months, we have witnessed at least three (or more) celebrity breakups. Just a few hours after Dhanush-Aishwaryaa's announcement, news of 'Kedarnath' actor Nitish Bharadwaj filing for divorce after 12 years of marriage made everyone sit up and think. A week before that it was Hollywood star couple Jason Momoa and Lisa Bonet who announced that they have decided to go separate ways. Break-up announcements of Sushmita Sen-Rohman Shawl, Samantha Ruth Prabhu-Naga Chaitanya too set the tongues wagging on social media.

What is it about celebrities sharing major life updates on social media? What prompts them to choose a social platform to issue official statements about their personal lives? What impact does it have on them and their followers? We explore answers to these questions and more.

It's amicable

Separation or divorce is never supposed to be easy, but it can be even harder when the eyes of the world are watching you. A celebrity has to factor in aspects like rumours, media coverage, division of assets, child custody and parenting and so much more. Celebrity divorces can thus be more tumultuous.

But some recent and some not-so-recent amicable separations of stars like Hrithik Roshan-Sussanne Khan, Aamir Khan-Kiran Rao, Farhan Akhtar-Adhuna Bhabani, Arbaaz Khan-Malaika Arora, Arjun Rampal-Mehr Jessia, Anurag Kashyap-Kalki Koechlin prove that not all break-ups need to be ugly.

R Madhavan and Surveen Chawla's web series 'Decoupled' carried the same message that a divorce need not be a painful experience. Sharing the kind of positive response the series received, creative producer of the show Sejal Shah speaks to ETimes, stating, "So many people have tweeted and reached out to us and said that the series has changed the perception that divorce separation is a stigma. And that it should be acceptable and relationships can be healthy even after a separation. That couples can continue to remain friends. And why shouldn't an amicable separation be celebrated as marriages are. When two mature adults realise that they can be happy and friends even after separation, it should be celebrated."

Why post on social media?

"Social media is also (like) a front page headline of a tabloid, that may not be available in the newspaper," opines psychiatrist Dr Harish Shetty.

One cannot argue that social media gives celebs the power to choose and write their news. "It's a space that has replaced verbal sharing with friends. One avoids conversation, questioning and it becomes like, Mann Ki Baat... a one sided chat. It is also to connect with their fans out of respect and care. Here the disclosure also helps them to share their vulnerability and their moods," he adds.

Actor Vivek Vaswani catches the pulse of the generation as he says, "Today is the age of DIY! They have the means to reach their fans and their audience directly without the intervention or interpretation by a journalist or a magazine. So they do.'

"Social media allows you to communicate whatever needs to be communicated. And celebs have to maintain their reach and influence," says an industry insider.

—Bharti Dubey and Almas Mirza, ETimes

PeeCee, Nick welcome baby via surrogacy

Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas and her pop star husband Nick Jonas have become parents to their first child, a baby boy, through surrogacy.

The 39-year-old actor and Jonas shared the news on their respective Instagram accounts on late Friday night.

"We are overjoyed to confirm that we have welcomed a baby via surrogate," the statement read.

The couple further asked for privacy during this special time.

"We respectfully ask for privacy during this special time as we focus on our family. Thank you so much," they added.

Chopra Jonas tied knot with the 29-year-old American singer in December 2018 in Jodhpur.

On the work front, Chopra Jonas was last seen on the big screen in Hollywood film "The Matrix Resurrections", which opened in cinemas worldwide in December 2021.

Depp to don French king Louis XV's robes

Actor Johnny Depp is set to take on the role of French king Louis XV. As per Variety, the 58-year-old star will feature as the controversial royal in a new movie from French filmmaker Maiwenn. The shoot for the upcoming film will begin this summer.

The yet-to-be-titled movie's exact plot details are kept under wraps. It is being produced by Pascal Caucheteux and Gregoire Sorlat's Paris-based Why Not Productions with Wild Bunch International handling world sales.

Filming will take place for three months on location across Parisian landmarks, mainly at the Versailles Palace.

Apart from directing the movie, Maiwenn will also star alongside Depp as Countess Jeanne du Barry, Louis XV's final mistress.

Louis XV, who was nicknamed 'the beloved' and reigned for 59 years, the longest in the history of France after that of Louis XIV. Paradoxically, Louis XV died as an unpopular king after being accused of corruption and debauchery.